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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Halle

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- Between 6 and 13 December 1950, the billeting area of the Luftnachrichtenschule and the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Halle (N 52/D 92), was still occupied by at least 2,000 troops. A unit with motor vehicles [] was still quartered in the Luftnachrichtenschule. Its vehicles were sheltered in the northern section of the billeting area. Troops observed in the Luftnachrichtenschule wore red-bordered black epaulets, black epaulets, and some blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Most of the troops seen in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets, partly with tank and artillery insignia, and some of them wore black-bordered red epaulets. T-43 tanks []

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[] seemed to belong, were identified in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. They seemed to be operated by well-trained drivers. Student drivers were trained in the billeting area on T-43 tanks []. When leaving the billeting area, the tanks were usually occupied by two or three soldiers, apparently recruits. A tank which was seen traveling to the Luftnachrichtenschule was apparently a JS model with []. Motor vehicles [] were identified in the billeting area.

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- The Flak Kaserne, Woermnitz, was occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Since relatively few officers and EM wore branch-of-service insignia, source believed that some of the trained personnel had been transferred. T-43 tank [] was identified at the southern tip of the billeting area. The tank [] was identified for the first time. Truck [] was parked in the billeting area and motor vehicles [] and [] were seen in the traffic there. No training activity was observed in the barracks yard or on the drill fields, whereas a great deal of activity was observed in the barracks buildings. *

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- The Reil Kaserne quartered about 400 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. There was only light vehicular traffic at the installation. Motor vehicles [] entered the billeting area, driven by soldiers with red-bordered green epaulets. **

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* [] Comment. The report indicates that the component units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, which are stationed in the barracks installations mentioned, were still in their quarters by mid-December 1950. [] The tanks referred to as

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** [] Comment. The information on the Reil Kaserne, which quarters MVD troops, does not indicate any changes since the last report by the same source. []

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